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——————*Fungar Vice Cotis*—— Hor.

Wedeſday, June 24. 1713.

IT is, they ſay, frequent with Authors to write Letters to themſelves, either out of Lazineſs or Vanity. The following is Genuine, and, I think, deſerves the Attention of every Man of Senſe in *England*.

To the GUARDIAN.

SIR, *June* 20.

'THOUGH I am not apt to make Com-
'plaints, and have never yet troubled you
'with any, and little thought I ever ſhould, yet
'ſeeing that in your Paper of this Day, you take
'no Notice of Yeſterday's *Examiner*, as I hoped
'you would, my Love for my Religion, which
'is ſo nearly concerned, would not permit me to
'be ſilent. The Matter, Sir, is this. A Biſhop of our
'Church (to whom the *Examiner* himſelf has no-
'thing to Object, but his Care and Concern for the
'Proteſtant Religion, which by him, it ſeems, is
'thought a ſufficient Fault,) has lately publiſh'd a
'Book, in which he endeavours to ſhew the Folly,
'Ignorance, and Miſtake of the Church of *Rome* in
'its Worſhip of Saints: From this the *Examiner*
'takes Occaſion to fall upon the Author with his
'utmoſt Malice, and to make him the Subject of
'his Ridicule. Is it then become a Crime for a
'Proteſtant to ſpeak or write in Defence of his Re-
'ligion? Shall a Papiſt have leave to Print and
'Publiſh in *England* what he pleaſes in Defence of
'his own Opinion, with the *Examiner*'s Approba-
'tion; and ſhall not a Proteſtant be permitted to
'write an Anſwer to it? For this, Mr. *Guardian*,
'is the preſent Caſe. Laſt Year a Papiſt (or to
'pleaſe Mr. *Examiner*, a Roman Catholick) pub-
'liſh'd the Life of St. *Wenefrede*, for the Uſe of
'thoſe devout Pilgrims who go in great Numbers
'to offer up their Prayers to her at her Well; this
'gave Occaſion to the worthy Prelate, in whoſe
'Dioceſs that Well is, to make ſome Obſervations
'upon it, and in order to undeceive ſo many poor
'deluded People, to ſhow how little Reaſon, and
'how ſmall Authority there is, not only to believe
'any of the Miracles attributed to St. *Wenefrede*,
'but even to believe there ever was ſuch a Perſon
'in the World. And ſhall then a good Man, up-
'on ſuch an Account, be liable to be abuſed in ſo
'publick a Manner? Can any good Church of *Eng-*
'*land* Man bear to ſee a Biſhop, one whom her
'preſent Majeſty was pleaſed to make, treated in ſo
'ludicrous a Way? Or ſhould one paſs by the Scur-
'rility and the Immodeſty that is to be found in
'ſeveral Parts of the Paper, who can with Patience
'ſee St. *Paul* and St. *Wenefrede* ſet, by the *Examiner*,
'upon a level, and the Authority for one made by him
'to be equal with that for the other? Who, that is a
'Chriſtian, can endure his inſipid Mirth upon ſo
'ſerious an Occaſion? I muſt confeſs it raiſes my
'Indigna-

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